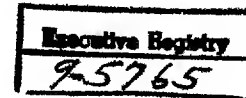


Inventories 1



29 July 1957

Honorable
L. Quincy Mumford
Librarian of Congress
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mumford:

Thank you for your letter of July 23, bringing to our attention the fact that among other things you may give consideration to proposing that the present copyright law be revised to permit Government agencies to secure copyright in some kinds of material produced and issued by them.

A cursory review of our issuances indicates that the present bar against copyright on the part of the Government does not create any particular difficulties for us. We are continuing with a more thorough search, but I do not expect to find any major problem. If we do, however, we will avail ourselves of your offer to meet with the Copyright Office.

As matters are going at the moment, I don't suppose we should be optimistic for action on the bills now under consideration in The House of Representatives. This is, however, a matter of continuing concern and we trust the effort to transfer liability from the employees to the Government will be continued.

Sincerely yours,

cc: ✓ Legislative Counsel
Mr. Pforzheimer

SL
20 July 57
Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel